



Mike Hollibaugh, Director of the Department of Community Services, shows tour attendees the Carmel central core model that is displayed in the Carmel Redevelopment Commission main office.

## 2021 INTERNATIONAL MAKING CITIES LIVABLE CONFERENCE

The City was proud to host the 57th International Making Cities Livable conference June 8 – 12 after being postponed in 2020. As cities worldwide emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, this conference, attended by nearly 200 city leaders, planners, developers, architects and many other professionals, explored the theme “From Sprawl to Neighborhoods: Livable Cities (and Suburbs) for ALL.” The conference took place mainly in the Palladium and Hotel Carmichael but attendees were able to experience the city on foot, bike and bus throughout the week.



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IMCL and see photos  
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Mayor Jim Brainard (left) and Allied Solutions CEO, Pete Hilger, enjoy the ping-pong table in Midtown

## CELEBRATING ALLIED SOLUTIONS

### The City and Allied Solutions celebrate event sponsorship and return to the office

After a 15-month absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, thousands of office workers in Carmel's corporate corridors are finally returning to their workspaces with a renewed sense of “normalcy,” although some restrictions still apply. That included Allied Solutions in Midtown. To celebrate the return to Midtown and Allied Solutions' \$450,000 three-year city event sponsorship, the City and Allied Solutions hosted a party in Midtown Plaza in June for employees and the public.



Back: Jeff Worrell, Carmel City Council.  
Front: left to right, Brian Urbanski,  
Allied Solutions EVP and CFO;  
Pete Hilger, Allied Solutions CEO;  
Mayor Jim Brainard, Ashima Kapur,  
Allied Solutions Sr. VP of Human  
Resources and Chief Diversity Officer



## MIDTOWN SELFIE STATION

Say cheese! Yet another vibrant splash of color was added to the City's Midtown Plaza in late March in the form of a “selfie station” mural. Applied to the back of the big screen in the plaza, the 45-foot illustration by Wilkinson Brothers Design faces Elm Street across from Java House. The Carmel-based illustrators created vignettes that feature Carmel's architecture, parks, art scene and entertainment culture in the letterforms and oversized postage stamps.



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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

### LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

As summer 2021 brings the return of live events in Carmel, we are reminded of the great sense of community we feel when we gather with friends and family to experience a live event together. I know many of us missed our traditional events including summer nights on the lawn of City Hall at Gazebo Concerts and bundling up in the winter and heading out in the chill to enjoy winter lights, fresh-air skating and warm Glühwein at Carmel Christkindlmarkt. We are so pleased to be able to enjoy these experiences again.

As we continue opening things up, please continue to encourage those who can, to get vaccinated. Hospitalizations are down and our medical professionals have many more tools to fight this deadly virus, but we want to keep our community as safe as possible.

One benefit of our improved medical status was Carmel hosting the 57th International Making Cities Livable (IMCL) Conference, which took place at the Palladium and Hotel Carmichael. Previous sites for the IMCL Conference included Freiburg, Germany; Charleston, SC; Bristol, UK; Venice, Italy; and Portland, OR. This was the first time the conference has been held in Indiana. Next year, this conference will take place in Paris, France.

The conference attracted about 200 city officials, architects, planners, developers, community leaders, behavioral and public health scientists and academics responsible for the livability of their cities. The exchange of ideas and expertise lead to some delightful and thought-provoking conversations generating creative solutions for their cities. They also took guided walking, biking and bus tours through City Center, Midtown, the Arts & Design District and other areas of the city.

We were proud to show them the progress we have made creating a thriving, walkable city that ranks among the best in the world and attracts a talented, well-educated residential and workforce population. We also heard many comments about the friendly welcome they received as they visited our entertainment, shopping and dining venues. Thank you to City staff, volunteers and the public who worked so hard to make this a success.

It was a great way to launch into a year of recovery and growth. You will be seeing our road improvements increasing around the city to bring some of our highly traveled older roads up to Carmel standards, make them safer and easier to navigate. We appreciate your patience during this construction season.

We are proud of our high level of City services and hope you enjoy learning more about City projects and initiatives in this edition of our newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events this summer.

*Jim Brainard*

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### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The City of Carmel's Department of Community Services launched its process for updating the comprehensive plan for the City's growth that will guide City planners and decision makers for the next decade or longer. In May, the team of **Greenstreet** and **YARD & Company** visited Carmel for several days conducting community engagement activities in an effort to collect feedback from the general public. *"Thank you to the community for coming to our events and sharing your thoughts and feedback about living and working in Carmel. The success of the comprehensive plan will largely be due to the contributions of the community"* – Adrienne Keeling, Planning Administrator for the City of Carmel

To view the four-part interactive virtual series visit [www.carmeldocs.com](http://www.carmeldocs.com) for links to the Comprehensive Plan and YouTube videos.



# CARMEL CITY COUNCIL

The Carmel City Council is comprised of nine members elected to four-year terms; three at-large and six elected from six districts.

The City Council constitutes the legislative body of the city. It has power over city budget and passes city ordinances and resolutions. Mail may be sent to City Council Members at: One Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032



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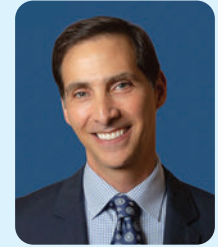
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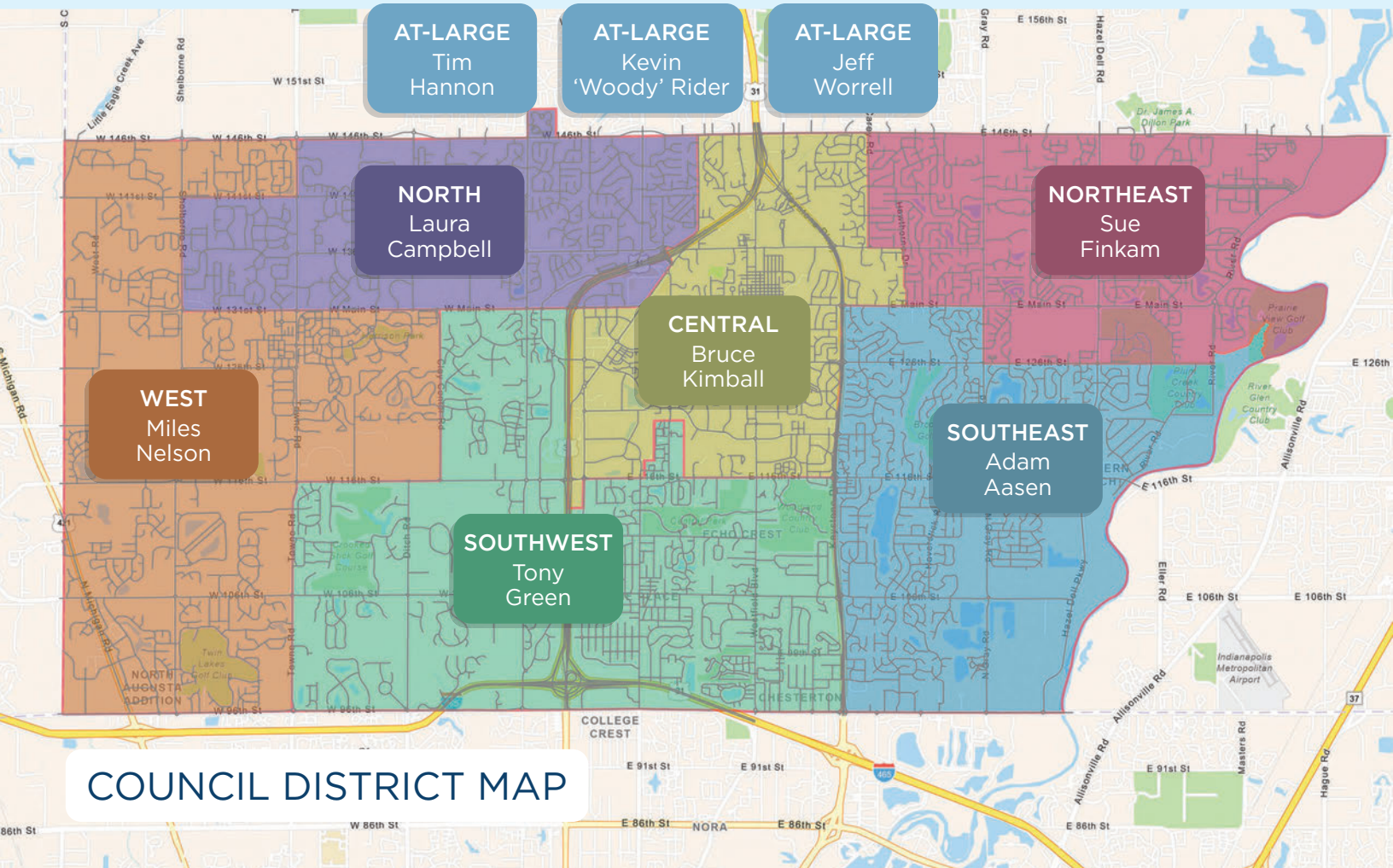
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**COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP**





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## 2021 IMCL CONFERENCE



Steve Knight,  
David M. Schwartz  
Architects, Inc.  
served as Project  
Architect for the  
design of the  
Palladium



Mike Hollibaugh leads attendees on a walking tour around the city making a stop in front of the Palladium



Professor Julio Cesar  
Perez-Hernandez, University  
of Notre Dame School  
of Architecture



Vikas Mehta, keynote  
speaker and Professor of  
urbanism at the University  
of Cincinnati



IMCL staff members sell books during conference



Richard Erganian of Fresno, California's Vineyard Farmers Market and  
Erganian Family Trust with Carmel Farmers Market President, Ron Carter



Steve Pittman, Pittman Real Estate Services; Tony Martin, Architect Team Leader, Woolpert, Inc.;  
Justin Moffett, CEO of Old Town Companies; Will Tufts, Architectural Designer, Woolpert, Inc.





Mayor Jim Brainard, Ellen and Richard Erganian, Vineyard Farmers Market, Fresno, CA; Michael Mehaffy, Executive Director of IMCL; Ricardo Fernández Gómez, Director of Development for the State of Jalisco, Mexico; KJ Kresin, IMCL Staff.



Plenary speakers  
Doug Kelbaugh, University of Michigan;  
Michael Lykoudis, University of Notre Dame;  
June Williamson, College of New York;  
Ellen Dunham-Jones, Georgia Tech;  
Mayor Jim Brainard, Michael Mehaffy,  
Executive Director of IMCL (at podium)



Bike tours passed by an artist who painted throughout the day and tour groups used the City's new bike share program to visit Carmel's Central Park and hear from Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Director, Michael Klitzing.



A variety of musicians and artists provided entertainment for attendees throughout the day both in public spaces in the city as well as at conference events.





## CARMEL'S GREEN INITIATIVES



### Solar power in Carmel

The City, Carmel Utilities and Telamon Corporation cut the ribbon to the new solar array project in late May. Nearly 3,000 solar panels at two locations will provide power to the City water plant and save about \$1.8 million in future City utility costs.

Left: Carmel Utilities Director, John Duffy

### Hoosier Resilience Heroes award winners

Congratulations to 2021 Hoosier Resilience Heroes award recipients Leslie Webb and Miranda Frausto. Webb is an engineer and sustainable living advocate whose name has become synonymous with green initiatives in Carmel. Frausto began her climate advocacy in high school and recently worked as an extern as the City's Indiana Climate Fellow.



Leslie Webb



Miranda Frausto



## BIKE SHARE PROGRAM

After a hiatus due to COVID-19 and a vendor change, the Carmel Bike Share Program relaunched in early May. While the bikes look the same, they have been tuned up and rebranded to reflect the new vendor, Movatic.

Bike share stations can be found at seven locations throughout the City's central core:

- Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square
- Central Park and Monon Greenway
- Carter Green and Monon Greenway
- City Center Drive and Range Line Road
- Main Street and Monon Greenway
- Midtown Plaza, 365 Monon Boulevard
- 37 East Main Street

## FEINSTEIN'S GRAND OPENING

The highly anticipated Feinstein's sophisticated dinner cabaret celebrated its grand opening at Hotel Carmichael on May 13. Grammy nominated star and Great American Songbook champion, Michael Feinstein; Mayor Jim Brainard; Henry Mestetsky of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission; and hotel manager, Jamie Hopwood, were there to offer remarks and cut the ribbon for the official opening.



From Left: Henry Mestetsky, Michael Feinstein, Mayor Jim Brainard, Jamie Hopwood





Musical play equipment at Carey Grove Park



New playground structures at Carey Grove Park

## CONSTRUCTION AND GROUNDBREAKINGS AROUND THE CITY

**Carey Grove Park** – The newly reimagined park at 146th Street and Carey Road, celebrated its ribbon-cutting mid-May. Upgrades include two new playground structures, year-round restrooms, a half basketball court, interactive musical play equipment and permanent exercise equipment.

**Carmel Swim Academy** – The Carmel Swim club broke ground on its new building at 820 City Center Drive. This new pool and facility will become home for the Swim Club events including swim lessons for all ages.



Jenell Fairman, CRC Deputy Director; Adam Campagna, CRC Member; Bill Brooks, CRC Member; Bill Hammer, CRC Member; Mayor Jim Brainard; David Leazenby, Onyx + East; Bill Bowers, CRC Member; Jeff Worrell, Carmel City Council and CRC Member

**Mélange** – Onyx + East and the City broke ground on a new project off of the Monon Greenway next to Carmel City Center. This private residential community will offer multi-story brownstones and single-level condominiums in the heart of Carmel.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL NEWS

**Buff City Soap** – Located at Old Meridian and Main Street, Buff City Soap makes fresh soap products, handmade daily including bath bombs, laundry soaps, and more.

**Condado Tacos** – The 25th official location of this Ohio-based restaurant opened its doors in Carmel on Old Meridian in early June. Known for its ‘secret shell’ and build-your-own concept, Condado Tacos is a great addition to the city.

**Cool Creek Family Health** – Located on North Range Line Road, this Direct Primary Care clinic offers personalized, affordable, high quality medical care for the entire family.

**House of Soul** – Opened its second Indiana location on Carmel’s west side at 98th Street and Michigan Road and features authentic soul food cuisine and live music.

**Le Peep** – The Indiana Design Center welcomed this well-known breakfast and lunch favorite, in late April.

**Renova Aesthetics** – Located in Midtown, this salon and spa offers the latest technology and personalized approach to health and beauty.

**Thai Nine** – Located on 98th Street and Michigan Road, Thai Nine serves authentic family recipes in a beautiful atmosphere.

**Wahlburgers** – With locations in 20 states and three countries, Wahlburgers adds Carmel to its growing list, with its first Indiana location in the Proscenium at Range Line Road and Carmel Drive.



# EXPERIENCE CARMEL!

## 2021 EVENTS

▲ **MEET ME ON MAIN**  
Second Saturday of each month; 5 – 9 p.m.  
[CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://CarmelArtsAndDesign.com)

BIKE CARMEL  
🏍️ **Slow Roll Rides:** Aug. 10 & Sept. 7  
🏍️ **Family Fun Ride:** Aug. 14  
🏍️ **Roundabout Ride:** Sept. 25  
[BikeCarmel.com](http://BikeCarmel.com)

**CARMEL FARMERS MARKET**  
Saturdays, May – Sept.; 8 – 11:30 a.m.  
[CarmelFarmersMarket.com](http://CarmelFarmersMarket.com)

▲ **MIDDAY AT MIDTOWN**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, May – Oct.  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
[MidtownPlazaCarmel.com](http://MidtownPlazaCarmel.com)

▲ **MOVIES AT MIDTOWN**  
Mondays, May – Oct.  
Saturdays, Nov. – Dec.  
Noon, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
[MidtownPlazaCarmel.com](http://MidtownPlazaCarmel.com)

**CARMEL GAZEBO CONCERT SERIES**  
Wednesdays, June 2 – Sept. 29; 7 p.m.  
No concert June 30  
[CarmelGazeboConcerts.org](http://CarmelGazeboConcerts.org)

**LATE NIGHT ON MAIN**  
Sept. 17 & Oct. 2  
[CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://CarmelArtsAndDesign.com)

**MUSIC ON THE MONON**  
July 24, July 31 & Aug. 7; 6 – 9 p.m.  
[Carmel.IN.gov](http://Carmel.IN.gov)

**CHINESE MOONCAKE FESTIVAL**  
Aug. 21; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
[Carmel.IN.gov](http://Carmel.IN.gov)

**ARTOMOBILIA**  
Aug. 28; Noon – 5 p.m.  
[CarmelArtomobilia.com](http://CarmelArtomobilia.com)

**ART OF THE DOG**  
Sept. 11; Noon – 4 p.m.  
[CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://CarmelArtsAndDesign.com)

**CARMEL ON CANVAS**  
Sept. 17 – 19  
[CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://CarmelArtsAndDesign.com)

**PORCHFEST**  
Sept. 19; Noon – 6 p.m.  
[CarmelPorchFest.org](http://CarmelPorchFest.org)



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**CARMEL INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL**  
Sept. 25 – 26  
[Carmel.IN.gov](http://Carmel.IN.gov)

**OKTOBERFEST**  
Oct. 1; 6 – 10 p.m.  
[Carmel.IN.gov](http://Carmel.IN.gov)

**ART OF WINE**  
Postponed until Spring 2022

▲ **HOLIDAY AT CARTER GREEN**  
Nov. 20; 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
[HolidaysInCarmel.com](http://HolidaysInCarmel.com)

**CARMEL CHRISTKINDLMARKT**  
Nov. 20 – Dec. 24  
[CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com](http://CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com)

▲ **THE ICE AT CARTER GREEN**  
Nov. 20, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022  
[TheIceAtCarterGreen.com](http://TheIceAtCarterGreen.com)

▲ **HOLIDAY TROLLEY**  
Nov. 26 – Dec. 18  
Fridays 5 – 9 p.m. & Saturdays 2 – 9 p.m.  
[HolidaysInCarmel.com](http://HolidaysInCarmel.com)

▲ **SANTA SATURDAYS**  
Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18; 2 – 5 p.m.  
[HolidaysInCarmel.com](http://HolidaysInCarmel.com)

▲ **HOLIDAY IN THE ARTS DISTRICT**  
Dec. 4; 2 – 5 p.m.  
[HolidaysInCarmel.com](http://HolidaysInCarmel.com)



The City of Carmel is thrilled to share its list of 2021 events. A special thanks to Allied Solutions for participation and sponsorship of more than a dozen City of Carmel annual events.

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